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Title: VACUUM PACKAGING MACHINE

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Sir:

As the above-identified inventors, we hereby declare that:

- 1) Our residence and post office addresses and citizenship are given below.
- 2) We believe that we are the first, joint, and original inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought for the above-entitled invention, the specification of which was filed on April 23, 2001, under application no. 09/830,245.
- 3) We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims and any drawings attached thereto.
- 4) We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations 1.56(a).
- 5) Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119, we hereby claim foreign priority benefits based upon the below-identified foreign applications for patent or inventor's certificate:

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7) All statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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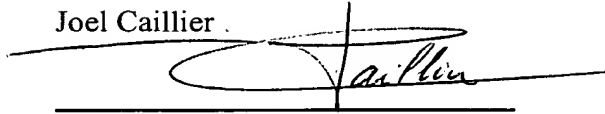
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